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Record of Interview
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RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the interview conducted on **11 August 2009**, please find a record of the interview below.

Identification of Claims and Prior Art Discussed

Applicant and Examiner discussed Rabin and Tinney as applied to claims 38 and 46 – 47 of the instant application.

Applicant's Arguments

Applicant pointed out to Examiner that Rabin and Tinney do not disclose, either alone or in concert, a client computer which sends a request to a server computer to access a feature of a software program, and in response to sending the request, the client computer **receives the requested feature** from the server

computer, and receives current software license information **indicating that the user is licensed to run the received feature**.

Applicant further pointed out that Rabin discloses a monitoring program which runs on a user's device to ensure that no unauthorized use is taking place for an instance of a software product, and discloses a guardian center which communicates with the monitoring program to **restrict** a software product when an unauthorized use is detected (see Rabin, abstract, and col. 5, lines 8-28). Specifically, the guardian center sends a **continuation message** to the user's device, which specifies whether the user's device needs to disable or re-enable a software that was **previously installed** on the user's device. Applicant pointed out that the continuation message provides an **update** for tag fields **which already exist** on the user's device (see Rabin, col. 48, line 47 – col. 49, line 2, and col. 50, lines 33-65). In other words, the Rabin continuation message is not capable of providing a **new** tag field to the user's device. Furthermore, Rabin does not disclose anywhere that the guardian center is capable of sending a new software feature to the user's device. Therefore, the user's device in the Rabin system cannot receive software license information which includes a new tag field **indicating that the user is licensed to run a new software feature that it received from the guardian center**.

Applicant also pointed out that in contrast to Rabin, embodiments of the present invention provide a system where a client computer sends a request to a server for access to a new feature of a software program. Specifically, if the server computer determines that the user is licensed to access the requested feature, the **client computer receives the requested feature from the server computer**. Furthermore, the client computer also **receives software license information indicating that the user is licensed to run the received software feature** (see instant application, paragraphs [0022], [0029], [0044], and [0051]).

Outcome of Interview

Examiner pointed out to Applicant that an amendment to the claims which better defines a new software feature as “an additional functionality for an existing software program” would require a new search for prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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